GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEGA CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had sanctioned and released the funds for the infrastructural development of Mega Cities to the nodal agencies though the agencies did not set up the revolving funds for the purpose and did not operate in the prescribed manner;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a large sum of money under the scheme was lying unspent with the nodal agencies at the end of 1999-2000; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): It is a fact that this Ministry had sanctioned and released funds under the Mega City Scheme to the nodal agencies. Revolving Fund has been set up. All the nodal agencies are sanctioning projects under the scheme generally in accordance with the guidelines.

(b)&(c): It is correct that some funds have remained unspent mainly due to release of funds to the implementing agencies depending upon the progress of the projects. The State Governments/NodalAgencies have been asked to gear up implementing agencies and strengthen the existing monitoring mechanism.